



## ***Accreditation: The Path and Promise for Ensuring Continual Improvement in Student Learning and School Effectiveness***

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### **Presenters:**

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### **Session Description:**

School accreditation is a comprehensive framework for continually improving student learning and school effectiveness. In order to achieve accreditation, schools must meet quality standards, engage in continuous improvement and demonstrate quality assurance. A school must engage in a continuous process of assessment, learning and improvement and promote a professional culture of learning, collaboration and reflective practice. This presentation will focus on the accreditation journey of the Arizona Juvenile Detention Schools. Participants will understand the accreditation process and how detained students benefit from a consistent, cooperative credit-worthy learning experience.

### **How the session addresses Innovation:**

Arizona is the only state in the nation that has achieved accreditation for the short-term juvenile detention schools. This innovation has propelled Arizona as a leader in detention education for which the state has received national recognition and has provided a model for several states.

### **Presenter Information:**

**Dorothy Wodraska** is currently the Correctional Education Specialist/Director of Federal Education Grants Programs for the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile Justice Services Division. Ms Wodraska is an educator and youth advocate who has taught at every level in the educational system as well as serving as a school administrator and private non-profit CEO and Executive Director. Ms. Wodraska is certified as a Training Consultant through Ball State University and as a Trustee Educator through Trustee Leadership Development, Inc. She is a Grant Reviewer and Consultant for the U.S.Department of Education and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in Washington, D.C.

### **Session Materials**

[PowerPoint Handouts](#)